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the foreign bank is \$110,000, CCC would be entitled to 95.75 percent (\$106,063.07 divided by \$110,765.62) and the holder of the payment guarantee would be entitled to 4.21 percent (\$4,668.55 divided by \$110,795.62) of any recoveries of losses after settlement of the claim. Since in this example, the losses were recovered after the claim has been paid by CCC, § 1493.130(b) would apply.

§ 1493.140 Miscellaneous provisions.

(a) *Assignment.* (1) The exporter may assign the proceeds which are, or may become, payable by CCC under a payment guarantee or the right to such proceeds only to a financial institution in the U.S. The assignment must cover all amounts payable under the payment guarantee not already paid, may not be made to more than one party, and may not, unless approved in advance by CCC, be:

(i) Made to one party acting for two or more parties or

(ii) Subject to further assignment.

(2) An original and two copies of the written notice of assignment signed by the parties thereto must be filed by the assignee with the Treasurer, CCC, at the address specified in the Contacts P/R.

(3) Receipt of the notice of assignment will ordinarily be acknowledged to the exporter and its assignee in writing by an officer of CCC. In cases where a financial institution is determined to be ineligible to receive an assignment, in accordance with paragraph (b) of this section, CCC will provide notice thereof, to the financial institution and to the exporter issued the payment guarantee, in lieu of an acknowledgment of assignment.

(4) The name and address of the assignee must be included on the written notice of assignment.

(b) *Ineligibility of financial institutions to receive an assignment.* A financial institution will be ineligible to receive an assignment of proceeds which may become payable under a payment guarantee if, at the time of assignment, such financial institution:

(1) Is not in sound financial condition, as determined by the Treasurer of CCC; or

(2) Is the financial institution issuing the letter of credit or branch, agency, or subsidiary of such institution; or

(3) Is owned or controlled by an entity that owns or controls the financial institution issuing the letter of credit; or

(4) Is the U.S. parent of the foreign bank issuing the letter of credit.

(c) *Ineligibility of financial institutions to receive proceeds.* A financial institution will be ineligible to receive proceeds payable under a payment guarantee approved by CCC if such financial institution:

(1) At the time of assignment of a payment guarantee, is not in sound financial condition, as determined by the Treasurer of CCC;

(2) Is the financial institution issuing the letter of credit or a branch, agency, or subsidiary of such institution; or

(3) Is owned or controlled by an entity that owns or controls the financial institution issuing the letter of credit; or

(4) Is the U.S. parent of the foreign bank issuing the letter of credit.

(d) *Alternative satisfaction of payment guarantees.* CCC may, with the agreement of the exporter (or if the right to proceeds payable under the payment guarantee has been assigned, with the agreement of the exporter's assignee), establish procedures, terms and/or conditions for the satisfaction of CCC's obligations under a payment guarantee other than those provided for in this subpart if CCC determines that those alternative procedures, terms, and/or conditions are appropriate in rescheduling the debts arising out of any transaction covered by the payment guarantee and would not result in CCC paying more than the amount of CCC's obligation.

(e) *Maintenance of records and access to premises.* (1) For a period of five years after the date of expiration of the coverage of a payment guarantee, the exporter or the exporter's assignee, as applicable, must maintain and make available all records pertaining to sales and deliveries of and extension of credit for agricultural commodities exported in connection with a GSM-102 or GSM-103 payment guarantee, including those records generated and maintained by agents, intervening purchasers, and related companies involved in special arrangements with

the exporter. The Secretary of Agriculture and the Comptroller General of the United States, through their authorized representatives, must be given full and complete access to the premises of the exporter or the exporter's assignee, as applicable, during regular business hours from the effective date of the payment guarantee until the expiration of such five-year period to inspect, examine, audit, and make copies of the exporter's, exporter's assignee's, agent's, intervening purchaser's or related company's books, records and accounts concerning transactions relating to the payment guarantee, including, but not limited to, financial records and accounts pertaining to sales, inventory, processing, and administrative and incidental costs, both normal and unforeseen. During such period, the exporter or the exporter's assignee may be required to make available to the Secretary of Agriculture or the Comptroller General of the United States, through their authorized representatives, records that pertain to transactions conducted outside the program, if, in the opinion of the GSM, such records would pertain directly to the review of transactions undertaken by the exporter in connection with the payment guarantee.

(2) The exporter must maintain the proof of entry required by §1493.100(b), and must provide access to such documentation if requested by the Secretary of Agriculture or his authorized representative for the five-year period specified in paragraph (e)(1) of this section.

(f) *Responsibility of program participants.* It is the responsibility of all program participants to review, and fully acquaint themselves with, all regulations, Program Announcements, and Notices to Participants relating to the GSM-102 or GSM-103 program, as applicable. Applicants for payment guarantees under these programs are hereby on notice that they will be bound by any terms contained in applicable Program Announcements or Notices to Participants issued prior to the date of approval of a payment guarantee.

(g) *Submission of documents by principal officers.* All required submissions, including certifications, applications, reports, or requests (i.e., requests for

amendments), by exporters or exporters' assignees under this subpart must be signed by a principal or officer of the exporter or exporter's assignee or their authorized designee(s). In cases where the designee is acting on behalf of the principal or the officer, the signature must be accompanied by: wording indicating the delegation of authority or, in the alternative, by a certified copy of the delegation of authority; and the name and title of the authorized person or officer. Further, the exporter or exporter's assignee must ensure that all information/reports required under these regulations are submitted within the required time limits. If requested in writing, CCC will acknowledge receipt of a submission by the exporter or the exporter's assignee. If acknowledgment of receipt is requested, the exporter or exporter's assignee must submit an extra copy of each document and a stamped self-addressed envelope for return by U.S. mail. If courier services are desired for the return receipt, the exporter or exporter's assignee must also submit a self-addressed courier service order which includes the recipient's billing code for such service.

(h) *Officials not to benefit.* No member of or delegate to Congress, or Resident Commissioner, shall be admitted to any share or part of the payment guarantee or to any benefit that may arise therefrom, but this provision shall not be construed to extend to the payment guarantee if made with a corporation for its general benefit.

(i) *OMB control number assigned pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act.* The information collection requirements contained in this part (7 CFR part 1493) have been approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) in accordance with the provisions of 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35 and have been assigned OMB Control Number 0551-0004.

Subpart C—CCC Facility Guarantee Program (FGP) Operations

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